

PRAYER

The Reverend Gene Hemrick, Washington Theological Union, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Lord, during this holy season which prompts us to especially lift our thoughts to You, may You bless this Congress with Your wisdom and the peace and justice it creates when we turn to You.

We further pray that in this inclement weather You give its Members safe passage home to be with their loved ones and to experience the joy this creates. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 19, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 19, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.

That the Senate concurs in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill H.R. 3326.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1377.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 218.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H.J. Res. 64.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(c) of rule I, the House shall stand in recess until approximately 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 23, 2009.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from

the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5172. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an supplemental consolidated report, consistent with the War Powers Resolution, to help ensure that the Congress is kept fully informed on U.S. military activities in support of the war on terror and Kosovo, pursuant to Public Law 93-148; (H. Doc. No. 111-79); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

5173. A letter from the Acting Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency For International Development, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

[Omitted from the Record of December 16, 2009]

Mr. CONYERS: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 3845. A bill to extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism and protect civil liberties, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 111-382 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

[The following actions occurred on December 17, 2009]

Mr. SKELTON: Committee on Armed Services. House Resolution 924. Resolution directing the Secretary of Defense to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of any document, record, memo, correspondence, or other communication of the Department of Defense, or any portion of such communication, that refers or relates to the trial or detention of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, Walid Muhammad Salih Mubarek Bin 'Attash, Ramzi Binalshibh, Ali Abdul Aziz Ali, or Mustafa Ahmed Adam al Hawsawi, with an amendment (Rept. 111-383). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. REYES: Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. House Resolution 923. Resolution requesting the President to transmit to the House of Representatives all documents in the possession of the President relating to the effects on foreign intelligence collection of the transfer of detainees held at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, into the United States, with an amendment (Rept. 111-384). Referred to the House Calendar.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL PURSUANT TO RULE XII

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker:

[Omitted from the Record of December 16, 2009]

H.R. 3845. Referral to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select) and Financial Services extended for a period ending not later than January 29, 2010.